

Clean Version of Amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace the title with:

A1
METHOD OF IMPLANTING AN INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER

On page 2, after CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS,
please insert the following paragraph:

A2
This application is a division of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/592,072, filed June 12, 2000, entitled "INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER" which is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, including but not limited to those portions that specifically appear hereinafter.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-31, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 44-51 as indicated below:

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44. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein attaching holding means further comprising affixing pedicle screws to posterior pedicle portions of the vertebral bodies, and interconnecting rods with the pedicle screws.

45. (New) The method of claim 32 further comprising removing a posterior portion of one of the vertebral bodies for autogenous bone grafting.

46. (New) The method of claim 32 further comprising placing a lamina spreader between spinous processes to spread adjacent vertebral bodies apart.

47. (New) The method of claim 32 further comprising inserting a trial spacer having sharp edging into the incision to clear away tissue from the incision.

48. (New) The method of claim 32 further comprising preparing a bone graft from autogenous bone graft material.

49. (New) The method of claim 48 further comprising harvesting autogenous bone and passing said autogenous bone through a mill to form said autogenous bone graft material.

50. (New) The method of claim 46 further comprising removing said lamina spreader after said spacing member is in place and closing the incision.